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## **Weekend Expressway Closures Upcoming in Metro East**

**COLLINSVILLE** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that four routine maintenance projects in Metro East will be done on condensed schedules over select weekends in the coming weeks to accelerate the repairs and minimize the impact to the traveling public. The projects will require some expressway closures starting on Friday evenings and reopening no later than the following Monday morning.

The projects are:

- Bridge joint replacement at Interstate 55/70 west of Illinois 203.
- Pavement patching on eastbound I-55/70 just west of Interstate 255.
- Bridge painting on I-55/70 under I-255 ramps.
- Microsurfacing on I-270 from east of Illinois to east of I-55/70.

Starting with the I-55/70 work west of Illinois 203 the weekend of Aug. 4, the projects will take place over multiple weekends until they are completed by Oct. 15, weather permitting. Schedule information will be provided and shared with the public several days before closures are to occur.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes during construction weekends and anticipate some longer travel times.

All of the work will be weather dependent and coordinated to not conflict with major sporting events. No closures will take place over Labor Day weekend.

By utilizing full expressway closures and keeping construction restricted to the weekends when traffic volumes are down, IDOT aims to reduce the length of time work zones are needed during heavier travel periods during the week.

Real-time traffic updates are available at [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com).